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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SENAT-GDR CONTACTS

1. GDR MFA OFFICIAL MITDANK MET ON NOV 13 WITH SENAT PRESS CHIEF STRUVE FOR UNOFFICIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. MEETING WAS CALLED AT MITDANK'S REQUEST AND TOOK PLACE IN EAST BERLIN.

2. ACCORDING TO MEMCON PROVIDED BY CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ ON NOV 14, MITDANK RAISED TWO MATTERS; FUTURE OF S-BAHN IN WEST BERLIN, AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO STEINSTUECKEN.

A. S-BAHN: MITDANK SAID TIME HAD COME FOR SENAT AND GDR TO REACH AGREEMENT ON INTRA-CITY TRANSIT. STRUVE SUGGESTED THAT THIS MORE A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH CHANCELLERY POLITICAL AFFAIRS OFFICIAL KUNZE AND ADDED THAT HE DOUBTED THAT ANY MONEY WAS AVAILABLE. MITDANK EXPRESSED IRRITATION AT THIS

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AND NOTED THAT ONE SHOULD RECOGNIZE COMMON INTERESTS;

FINANCIAL PLANNING MUST INCLUDE S-BAHN. GDR OBJECTED TO BEARING DEFICIT FOR S-BAHN SERVICE TO WEST BERLIN. HE ADDED THAT IF SENAT WAS NOT PREPARED TO COVER THIS DEFICIT, GDR WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE SERVICE. NEW BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JAN 1 HAD TO BE CONSIDERED. (NOTE: SENAT INTERPRETS THIS AS THREAT TO REDUCE S-BAHN SERVICE IN WEST BERLIN ON JAN 1. ALLIES HAVE NOT YET AUTHORIZED FORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SENAT AND GDR ON FUTURE OF S-BAHN IN WEST BERLIN. WE WILL BE PROVIDING FURTHER REPORT ON STATE OF S-BAHN PALY BY SEPTTEL.)

B. STEINSTUECKEN: MITDANK REMINDED STRUVE THAT SUPPLY OF ENERGY TO STEINSTUECKEN STILL HAD TO BE REGULARIZED BY AGREEMENT. STRUVE REPLIED THAT THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE THROUGH TREUHANDSTELLE. MITDANK STATED THAT IN THAT EVENT, GDR WAS PREPARED TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION AND SENAT WOULD HAVE TO BEAR CONSEQUENCES. (NOTE: SENAT INTERPRETS THIS AS THREAT TO CUT OFF GAS AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES TO STEINSTUECKEN, FORMER EXCLAVE WITH APPROXIMATELY 16 RESIDENT FAMILIES. BERLIN POWER COMPANY (BEWAG) IS PREPARED TO SUPPLY STEINSTUECKEN WITH ELECTRICITY FROM STREET LIGHTING NET. SENAT WILL SUBSIDIZE HOUSEHOLDS FOR CONVERSION FROM GAS TO ELECTRICITY WHERE NECESSARY.)

3. COMMENT : THIS IS ANOTHER IN SERIES OF INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MITDANK AND STRUVE. AS IN PREVIOUS CASES, ALLIES WERE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF MEETING. ACCORDING TO MEMCONS OF MEETINGS, STRUVE SOUGHT TO LISTEN TO MITDANK'S PRESENTATIONS WITHOUT ENGAGING IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. END COMMENT. GEORGE

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